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Sir:

RESPONSE E TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 12, 2006, Applicant elects with traverse the invention of Species III, claimed in independent apparatus claims 15 and 16. In addition, please amend the present application by adding new claims 20-22, as set forth in the attached claim amendments.